

HOUSE PASSES 13 BILLS AT OPENING SESSION OF WEEK

But Works under Fire of 42-Centimeter Battery from Peru—Rising Vote Repeatedly Demanded by Hapgood.

SOLONS GET EXERCISE

Mothers' Pension Bill Introduced—Two Bank Stock Tax Measures Before House—Slight Hope of Important Decisions This Week.

Montpelier, Feb. 8.—The House passed 13 unimportant bills this afternoon in a session in which Mr. Hapgood was very much in evidence. Upon his insistence, most of the bills were passed by rising vote. Many of them seemed so unnecessary to him that he demanded that the legislators exert themselves sufficiently to pass them by a rising vote, instead of a simple "aye." So the House was kept bobbing up and down in obedience to Mr. Hapgood's dictates, but always voting contrary to his opinions. Indeed, there can be no doubt several bills thrived upon his opposition. Two bills with unfavorable committee reports were killed.

Among the bills which the House passed was House 215, which forbids the opening of the muffer on 20 per cent. grades, but this was not allowed. A Senate joint resolution was passed by the House providing for a commission to investigate the need of more room for the State library, supreme court and Vermont Historical society.

BANK LEGISLATION. Two important measures are now before the House relating to the taxation of bank stock. House 277, drawn by Commissioner Plimley, provides for a board of appraisal which shall instruct the listers as to a uniform method of appraisal of all bank stock. There will be a hearing on this bill Wednesday evening before the committee on ways and means. The second bill, House 282, would not attempt to find a uniform method of taxing bank stock locally. It would simply fix the value of all bank stock for local taxation at par. Then the banks would be taxed by the State seven-tenths of one per cent. on their accumulations. This is a committee bill introduced by the committee on banks, and favored by some bankers. It also remedies two features of the present law regarding trust companies. They are taxed by the State seven-tenths of one per cent. on trust funds received under order of court, but on other trust funds they are taxed locally. Funds held in trust solely for ecclesiastical or charitable purposes are exempted from taxation by this bill, so that such funds may be handled by trust companies as well as by individuals, who are now exempted.

Among the bills introduced was a mothers' pension bill. It would pay dependent mothers up to \$15 per month, and for each additional child \$5 per month. These pensions are to be administered by the assistant judges from the county treasurer. House 290 would make prisoners in the county jail work. The sheriff may employ them up to ten hours a day. Three-quarters of their earnings go to the State and one-quarter to the prisoner's family.

The general committee will hold an important hearing in which House bills providing for inspection of creameries and milk-producing farms will be considered. In the latter bill a health officer is empowered to go to the farm at any time to inspect the premises and sample the milk.

The creamery bonding bill, House 89, which aroused so much opposition on the part of the creamery men, will be the subject of a hearing with the Senate committee on internal affairs on Tuesday evening.

Mr. Hapgood has a bill which would prohibit citizens of one town buying liquor in another town.

TEN BILLS IN SENATE.

The Senate also passed some important bills, and was subjected to the introduction of 10 bills.

The firearms bill, regulating use of weapons by boys under 16, was ordered to lie.

A \$25 lump sum legislative salary bill was introduced.

OFFICIAL RECORD.

SENATE—EVENING.

Convened at 7:30 p. m., Lieut.-Governor Harting presiding.

Devotional exercises by the Rev. J. W. Miller of the House.

READ THIRD TIME AND PASSED.

S. 37, relating to worthless checks.

S. 55, relating to a seal for commissioner of taxes.

ORDERED TO LIE.

H. 91, relating to fire arms, upon motion of Senator Simonds ordered to lie.

PASSED IN CONCURRENCE.

H. 104, relating to village of Cabot.

H. 132, relating to Henry W. Putnam hospital.

H. 124, relating to village of Manchester.

H. 127, relating to village of North Troy.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

S. 66, by Senator Simonds of Caledonia, relating to banking associations and trust companies restricting the use of the word banks. Referred to committee on banks.

S. 67, by Senator Simonds of Caledonia, relating to loans of officers and employees of trust companies, amending section 71 of acts of 1910, allowing officer or employee to become indebted to company keeping accounts borrowed for personal use. Referred to committee on banks.

S. 68, by Senator Bentley of Bennington, relating to aid to town of Sandgate, appropriating \$600 for highways. Re-

ferred to committee on appropriations, highways and bridges.

S. 69, by Senator Powell of Chittenden, relating to inheritance taxes on taxable transfers relating to section 2 of act of 1912. Referred to finance committee.

S. 70, by Senator Conant of Orange, relating to regulation of trade and the inspection of weights and measures, amending section 4 of 1911 of acts of 1910, providing for a suitable and convenient building for commissioners equipment instead of in capital and to pay for light, rent and fuel of same. Referred to general committee.

S. 71, by Senator Conant of Orange, relating to medical inspection of schools, a town or group of towns may appoint a school physician and repays No. 73 of acts of 1910. Referred to joint committee on public health.

S. 72, by Senator Seaver of Orleans, relating to open season for hunting in Willoughby lake, trout may be taken between May 1 and October 1. Referred to game and fisheries.

S. 73, by Senator Lafranchise of Bennington, relating to exempting the wages of wage earners from trustee process and to provide another method of collection of their debts, providing for a certain percentage to be paid each week. Referred to committee on judiciary.

S. 74, by Senator Brewster of Windsor, relating to pay of the member of General Assembly providing lump sum of \$35 and twenty cents miles for travel. Speaker and Lieutenant-governor to receive \$50. Referred to joint standing committee in State and court expenses.

S. 75, by Senator Page of Caledonia, relating to collection of tax and on mortgage in the personal property liable to sale following on payment of taxes. Referred to judiciary committee.

Adjourned at 5:10 p. m.

HOUSE—AFTERNOON.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. A. B. Blanchard, the member from Vershire.

A petition was presented by Mr. Hitchcock of Westfield from residents of Westfield, asking for the enactment of a State prohibitory liquor law, and was referred to the joint committee on temperance.

READ THIRD TIME AND PASSED.

H. 64, amending an act defining optometry and regulating the practice thereof. (Rising vote demanded by Mr. Hapgood of Peru.)

BILLS INTRODUCED.

H. 206, by Mr. Pike of Williamstown, (by request) an act relating to mothers' pensions and grants aid for dependent children. (Provision that assistant judges shall pay out of the county treasury to women of good repute but poor and dependent on own efforts and mothers of children under 16 years not to exceed \$15 per month for self and one child, with \$5 per month additional for each child under 16.) To committee on judiciary.

H. 207, from the committee on claims, an act to pay P. R. Foster the sum therein named. (Appropriates \$215 for cow killed on December 14.) Ordered to lie and be printed.

H. 208, by Mr. Hicks of Weathersfield, school accounts by town officers and to amend section 3612 of the public statutes, as amended by section 3 of No. 129 of the acts of 1912. (School directors shall keep accounts with auditors not less than 15 nor more than 20 days, previous to July 1.) To committee on education.

H. 209, by Mr. Wilson of Chelsea, an act to provide an additional appropriation for the State school of agriculture at Randolph. (Appropriates \$15,000 for dormitory.) To committee on appropriations.

H. 210, by Mr. Eaton of Woodstock, an act to amend sections 604 and 606 of the public statutes, as amended by No. 23 of the acts of 1910, relating to the employment of prisoners. (Male prisoners under sentence in county jail may be required by the sheriff to work 10 hours per day. (Three-fourths of proceeds to go to State treasurer, remaining one-fourth to wife of prisoner.) To committee on internal affairs.

H. 211, by Mr. Dimond of Manchester, (by request) an act to provide for proof of death and of heirship, relating to heirs-in-law and legatees and devisees before probate of will. (Persons desiring probate of will to file petition with probate court asking for same petition to state term and place of death of testator, place of residence, probable value of estate, names of heirs, legatees and devisees, etc.) To judiciary committee.

H. 212, by Mr. Dimond of Manchester, (by request) an act to provide for proof of death and of heirship before granting letters of administration. (Persons applying for letters of administration to file petition with probate court, petition to be verified by affidavit. Registrar of probate within five days to notify each of said next of kin.) To judiciary committee.

H. 213, by Mr. Brizier of Bristol, an act to legalize the grand list of the town of Bristol for the years therein named. (Legalize list for 1910, 1911, 1912 and 1913.) To committee on grand list.

H. 214, by Mr. Blodgett of Newport, (by request) an act for the regulation of barber shops. (Provides rules and regulations, etc.) To general committee.

H. 215, by Mr. Smith of St. Albans city, an act to amend the charter of the city of St. Albans. (Relating to the proposed extension of its boundaries.) To committee on municipal corporations.

H. 216, by Mr. Stacey of Hartford, (by request) to provide for the licensing of public vehicles by selection. (Gives selection authorities to regulate street traffic, vehicles and to grant licenses; all public conveyance vehicles to be licensed.) To general committee.

H. 217, by Mr. Fairchild of Fairfield, an act to amend section 3,300 of the public statutes, as amended by section 1 of No. 114 of the acts of 1912, relating to marriage licenses. (Protest filed by clerk, prohibits habitual drunkards and excessive users of drugs from obtaining license.) To committee on judiciary.

H. 218, by Mr. Reynolds of Cambridge, to allow Post No. 16, G. A. R., at Cambridge, to appropriate land upon which to erect a monument or memorial tablet. To committee on corporations.

H. 219, from committee on claims, an act to pay Claude D. Gratton, the sum therein named. (Appropriates for deluge for services as city judge.) Ordered to lie and be printed.

H. 220, by Mr. Hapgood of Peru, an act relating to the conditions under which licensees may sell intoxicating liquors. (Limits the sale of liquor to only residents of the town which votes license.) To committee on temperance.

H. 221, by Mr. Chalmers of Rutland city, an act to provide for a uniform law for the grading of apples. (Fixes standards of barrel and grades of fruit.) To committee on agriculture.

READ THIRD TIME AND PASSED.

H. 98, an act for the protection of fish in Lake Carmel, in the town of Franklin.

H. 100, amending an act relating to the practice of pharmacy by non-licensed persons. (Rising vote demanded by Mr. Hapgood of Peru.)

H. 101, an act to enable the village of Bennington to issue its bonds to aid

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Trust Department

Chittenden County Trust Company

Burlington, Vt.

This institution is empowered by law to act as Executor, Administrator, Trustee or Guardian. There is an advantage in this company acting in such capacity and we will be pleased to take up the matter with persons interested.

WHAT THE HOUSE HAS ACCOMPLISHED FEW IMPORTANT QUESTIONS DECIDED YET AT CAPITOL

Summary and consolidated report of work of the house to and including February 8.

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S. 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 10, 11, 12, 15, 18, 21-22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 107, 110-111.

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LEGISLATORS MOVE WITH CAUTION ON THE B. & M. BILL

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shall be exempt from taxation, at two thousand dollars.) To committee on ways and means.

H. 223, by Mr. Smith of Barre city, an act relating to taxation of personal property and establishing a uniform rate in money and securities. (In appraising shares in a national bank of corporation, the value of all its real and personal estate taxed to said corporation in this State or elsewhere, shall be deducted from the total appraised value of all its shares of stock, and the remaining value only shall be apportioned among its shares to ascertain the appraised value thereof. Shares of stock in domestic corporations subject to the tax imposed by section one of this act shall be set in the list if a resident of this State; section 349 is amended so that listers shall deduct from appraised value of personal estate, subject to the general property tax, a sum equal to the excess, if any, of debts owing by such taxpayer over the aggregate amount of United States bonds and other stocks, bonds and loans exempt from taxation in this State, the amount of his deposits in all savings banks, etc., in the amount of his deposits in all national banks in this State whereon interest exceeding the rate of two per cent. per annum is paid or allowed, and the appraised value of all property subject to the tax on intangible property, and shall take one per cent. of the balance as the list of the personal estate of such taxpayer, subject to the general property tax.) To committee on ways and means.

ADOPTED IN CONCURRENCE.

A joint resolution from the Senate, providing for the printing of 800 copies of S. 61, known as the workmen's compensation bill.

On motion of Mr. Stone of Woodford the House adjourned at 2:43 o'clock.

C. W. WITTERS DEAD

Was Many Years Attorney for Central Vermont and a Vice-President of the Railroad.

St. Albans, Feb. 9.—Chester Wellington Witters, for many years attorney for the Central Vermont railway and since October, 1913, a vice-president of the road, died this morning at 12:30 o'clock at his home on North Main street after a short illness with pneumonia.

He was in his 70th year, having been born in Milton June 19, 1846. He passed his early life in that town and studied law with the late H. S. Rogers of St. Albans. He represented the town of Milton in the Vermont House of Representatives and at one time was a senator from Chittenden county.

He moved to this city from Milton in 1878 and lived in the house on North Main street now owned by H. L. Reynolds. Later he built a house on North Main street, where he had since made his home.

In 1879 Mr. Witters entered the service of the Central Vermont as attorney and in 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 19